

## MINUTES:

September 15, 2012

10:19am-11:57am

Met at Bitter Lake P-Patch

Minutes by Samantha Huckabee

- Construction Status updates (Laura)
  - Conservation Corps is done with construction.
  - Now it is time for community to finish details of the garden and get ready for gardening next spring
  - Outside of fencing area, the parks dept. is creating a playground area
  - ADA beds are in access area for parks dept. so the ADA beds will be built after
  - Kim Baldwin is project manager for Parks Dept.
  - Kenya Freedy is contact for P- Patch (assigning plots, etc.)
  - The property owned by Seattle Public Utilities
  - Special requirements for maintaining water quality on site (details to come)
  - Parks maintains property
  - Discussion of rodent concern
  - Discussion of access through the east side of P-Patch
  - Walls on east sides of patch went out too far
  - Plot size 100sq. Ft.
  - Discussion about possible shared beds
- Bill & Daniel: updates on shed
  - Rood donated from Sound Roofing Supply
  - Doors are four foot, not common size, decided to order or build our own
  - Proposed roll up doors so they don't bunch up the gravel
  - - - Roof space available
      - Using the roof area would block sunlight
    - Will be a four foot by two door shelf in shed for storage
    - Will there be storage for event stuff?
    - Need to help with emailing for additional shed work - Angela and Teresa offered
- Email system
  - - Too many emails to be efficient
    - The ten o'clock meeting will only happen today
    - Various projects will email separately
    - Deena managed the gmail account
    - Email Nancy directly with questions
    - The city list is not the same as our list - we need to sync these so we have an accurate list
    - Kenya and Lisa in P-Patch office can help manage this
    - Garden can create list serve to manage communication
    - Suggestion to set up sign for commute to sign up
    - Rob with Center offered to make yard signs - needs info,
    - Suggestion to move big sign over closed to shed area, most would rather make new signs
    - Angela reaching out to Latino community, will create flyer to post on sign
    - City will help with copying and such for flyers we create
- Rob Bellum from Community Center
  - Organized SOS teenagers for soils work party that was cancelled
  - Teen programs in summer geared to P-Patch
  - Fall groups for work parties

- As soon as we know of work party, let Rob know and he'll try to get group together
  - [Rob.bellm@seattle.gov](mailto:Rob.bellm@seattle.gov)
  - Wants teens to get involved in community
  - Idea is teens get a plot to maintain
  - Teens working with adult and younger kids
  - Painting the shed - mural project
    - Bringing in professional graffiti artist
    - Discussion of painting shed
      - Want community involvement
      - Group okay design
      - Suggestion of shingles to avoid tags - group decided no
  - Discussion of cooperate volunteers
- Harvest Banquet in October
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    - Over on Beacon Hill
- Compiling hours/Volunteering
    - People hold be coming own hours
    - Need date, what you did, and hours
    - The sign in sheet at meetings helps log hours
    - Need volunteers to make phone calls for materials
    - Grant writing opportunities
- ADA Beds
    - Team visited other ADA beds to see what to do
    - Recommended we use 6" round juniper
- Rob Bellm has been collecting tools that need to be fixed
- Budget: still some money, but it has all been budgeted at this point
    - No money left in construction budget after what has been allocated
    - Fundraising for additional projects
    - Offer to do seed/plant sale at Center during basketball games
- Soil and chips projects (Angela & Teresa)
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    - Originally going to put soil in in August, but site wasn't ready
    - No more budget for soil
    - Decided to go with best soil could afford to start off well, better drainage
    - Compost was delivered early, placed on weeds, will need to remove top layer
    - Reservoir is protected area, so we cannot leave compost until spring
    - Need to prepare beds
    - Budget allowed for 6" soil
    - Three way garden soil from Cedar Grove
    - Don't want to leave soil naked for winter
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      - Need to mulch it over
      - Cover crop to put nitrogen in soil
      - Turn it over in the spring
      - Options include
        - clovers (crimson and dutch white)
        - Austrian field peas
        - fava beans
        - Suggestion to use Dutch white clover mixed in with fava and Austrian field peas
      - Cost is low, sold by pound

- Group voted to go with plan to use clover, peas, and beans mix
- Area seeded with grass is ours to use eventually if we have a plan, proposal, and present it to Seattle Public Utilities
  - Angela proposed that we ask to use it now to scrape seed off before it sets
  - Propose to plant blueberries in that area with mulch around them
  - If we choose to do that, we are responsible for maintenance, if we leave it, Parks will maintain it.
  - nancy offered free cover items for temporary
  - People offered to buy plants
  - Group voted and agreed to claim the area along road
- Angela starting to work on beds today after meeting
  - Clean up sod and weeds
  - Gather rocks
- Work party labor mixing soil and compost
- Wood chip party will lay chips in upper three tiers
- Dates will be sent to the list
- Work party September 22 at 10am (all day) and September 23 at 10am (all day)
  - - Bring tools and wheelbarrows for work party
    - Sunday's are still a possibility depending on people's availability
    - Need volunteer to call lists about work parties
    - Food also welcome
- Stone donated to make patio by shed
  - Groups voted to go with stone patio

#### To do list

- Make signs for garden area - rob from Center volunteered at no cost
- Decide about shed painting
- ADA Beds
- Fundraising

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